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The reply filed on 7/2/03 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): In response to the election of species requirement a single ultimate disclosed specie of, (a) a silanol group containing polymer, and (b) a protective group, were not elected. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.111. An example of an acceptable election is a copolymer of butyl acrylate, styrene and gamma-methacryloxypropyltrimethoxysilane as the silanol group containing polymer, and (b) polyvinyl alcohol (PVOH) as the protective group, if these represent species of the claimed invention. It is noted that PVOH is not included in the protective groups of amended Claim 11. The election of a species of the form of polymer is moot as applicant has restricted independent Claim 11 to a powder. Applicant's cancellation of the claims of Groups II-IV makes the restriction requirement moot.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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